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In re Application of )  
Donald J. Zack, et al. )      Examiner: Wang, Chang Yu  
Serial No. 10/617,885 )      Group Art Unit: 1649  
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For: NEURONAL GENE EXPRESSION PATTERNS )      Atty. Dkt. No. 01107.00368

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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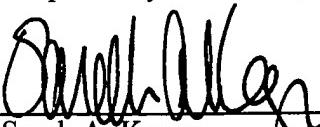
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2005, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application Group II drawn to a method of preventing neuronal cell death comprising administering a nucleic acid molecule or a protein in a mammal. This Group encompasses claims 10-19.

Applicants further elect nucleic acids encoding NM Acetylcholine receptor alpha 5.  
Applicants further elect retinal cell degeneration as a species.

A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this paper. No additional fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that a fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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